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Control: 7644 Classification 53.5M MARCH 11, 1961 1155 Rec'd: 5:46 PM FE FROM: VIENTIANE Info TO: Secretary of State SS G NO: 1670, MARCH 11, 6 PM SP L H SENT DEPARTMENT 1670 REPEATED INFORMATION LONDON 216 PARIS 225 SB BANGKOK 396 SAIGON 233 PHNOM PENH 222, MOSCOW 30, NEW DELHI 58, **EUR** OTTAWA 14, CINCPAC POLAD UNNUMBERED. NEA IO

P US LA CINCPAC POLAD PASS TO BOYLE

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CHIEF PEO DESIRES FOLLOWING COMMENTS BE ADDED TO REFTEL:

OSD ARMY AIR

NAVY

UNDER PRESENT GROUND RULES BATTLE FOR PDJ WILL BE LONG AND DRAWN OUT WITH OUTCOME IN DOUBT. TIME IS NOW WORKING FOR PL.

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B) PHOUMI CAN COPE WITH MILITARY SITUATION PROVIDED FAL FURNISHED (1) DIRECT TACTICAL GROUND AIR SUPPORT, (2) ADDITIONAL AIRLIFT BOTH FIXED WING AND ROTARY, (3) ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY SUPPORT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: B (1) OBVIOUSLY EFFECTIVE ONLY TO EXTENT NOT COUNTERED IN KIND BY ENEMY.

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